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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF	:	Administrative Action
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JESSICA R. MARCUS, RN	:	INTERIM CONSENT ORDER
License # 26NR14790600	:	TO CEASE AND DESIST
	:	PRACTICING
TO PRACTICE NURSING IN	:	
THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY	:	
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This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing ("Board") upon receipt of information which revealed that Jessica R. Marcus ("Respondent") was arrested on March 8, 2013 in Clifton, New Jersey and charged with violating N.J.S.A. 2C:12-1B(5)(d) (Assault on School Employee); N.J.S.A. 2C:12-3 (Terroristic Threats); and N.J.S.A. 2C:39-4(d) (Possession of a Weapon for Unlawful Purpose). Respondent also received a summons for leaving the scene of an accident. The incident that led to the arrest occurred while students and staff at Clifton High School were being evacuated after the school received a bomb

threat. A teacher stopped traffic to aid the evacuation and allow students to cross the street. It is alleged that Respondent was driving a vehicle in the traffic that formed as a result of the evacuation, pulled around and past other vehicles that had stopped, beeped her horn multiple times, exchanged words with the teacher, and caused her vehicle to come into contact with the teacher more than once. The teacher fell to the ground and it is alleged that Respondent drove off without stopping. Multiple people witnessed the event, providing Respondent's license plate number. She was arrested at her home later that day.

The allegations, if proven, would demonstrate that Respondent engaged in acts constituting a crime or offense relating adversely to the practice of nursing pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(f) which provides a basis for disciplinary action against Respondent's license.

It appearing that Respondent agrees to voluntarily enter into an interim agreement without making admissions and without prejudice to her ability to defend any action brought based on the above allegations, and the Board finding the within disposition adequately protective of the public health, safety and welfare; and other good cause having been shown;

IT IS, THEREFORE, ON THIS 10th DAY OF May, 2013,
ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

1. Respondent's license to practice nursing in the State of New Jersey is hereby placed on inactive status and shall remain on inactive status pending disposition of the criminal matter and further Board Order.

2. Respondent shall immediately cease and desist from holding herself out as a Registered Professional Nurse in the State of New Jersey and shall refrain from the practice of nursing in the State of New Jersey pending further Order of the Board.

3. The Board reserves the right to impose conditions on any reactivation, which may include that Respondent provide documentation of the court proceedings, complete any sentence imposed, appear before the Board, undergo evaluation, demonstrate fitness and competency, and complete Board-approved anger management classes.

4. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed an admission of liability on the part of Respondent.

5. The entry of the within Order is without prejudice to the further investigation and/or prosecution of any violations by Respondent of any statutes or regulations governing nursing

practice in the State of New Jersey or any other violations of law, by the Board, the Attorney General, or any other regulatory or law enforcement agency, including, but not limited to, any pending matters under investigation.

6. Nothing herein shall preclude the Board from initiating disciplinary action based upon the conduct relating to Respondent as alleged above.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By: Patricia Murphy PLD APN
Patricia Murphy, PhD, APN
Board President

I have read and understand the within Order and agree to be bound by its terms. I consent to the entry of this Order.

Jessica R. Marcus RN
Jessica R. Marcus, RN
License # 26NR14790600

Consent as to form and entry.

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